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Newhall Man Charged with Ramming Sheriff's Patrol Car, Kidnapping

A 30-year-old man with assaulting a police officer after allegedly ramming a stolen pickup truck into a Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department patrol car, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Jesse Alan Tucker (dob 12/11/84) faces one felony count each of assault upon a peace officer, resisting executive order, grand theft auto with prior, kidnapping and criminal threats.

Tucker pleaded not guilty and is due to return on Feb. 13 in Department H of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, San Fernando Branch.

Case PAO82930 also charges Tucker with one misdemeanor count each of possession of a controlled substance, possession of a smoking device and driving a motor vehicle without a valid driver's license.

The complaint alleges prior convictions for evading an officer with willful disregard in 2012 and grand theft of an automobile in 2010.

The defendant is accused of stealing a Ford F-150 truck on Feb. 2. When pursued by police, Tucker allegedly rammed the pickup truck into a deputy's patrol car, prosecutors said.

After fleeing on foot, the defendant is accused of forcing a victim to take him to her home where he was arrested after a standoff, prosecutors added.

Tucker is being held without bail.

If convicted of all charges, he faces a possible maximum sentence of more than 14 years in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Santa Clarita Station.

About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the <u>Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office</u> prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.